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MELLORINE AND OTHER FROZEN DESSERTS  
MADE WITH FATS AND OILS OTHER THAN BUTTERFAT

MAY 1956

Estimated at 3,395,000 gallons, the May production of Mellorine and other frozen desserts made with fats and oils other than butterfat increased 2 percent from the output of May a year ago, the Agricultural Marketing Service reports. Compared with May 1954, production was 25 percent larger. Decreases in Mellorine production from May last year to May this year in Illinois and Oklahoma were not quite large enough to offset increases in all other important Mellorine-producing states.

Ice cream production this May was up 7 percent from May last year and was 21 percent above May 1954.

In the first 5 months of this year, Mellorine production totaled 12,465,000 gallons -- 4 percent larger than that of the same period of 1955 and 11 percent more than the January - May output of 1954.

A rise of 29 percent between April and May was indicated this year, compared with a gain of 26 percent at this time last year and a contraseasonal decline of 1 percent between these months in 1954. May temperatures in the Mellorine-producing states were generally favorable except for Nevada and California. Increases from April to May were quite sharp in all important Mellorine-producing states, including California.

Mellorine production in May 1955 was estimated at 3,320,000 gallons, or 23 percent more than that of May 1954. Comparing May 1955 with May 1954, production gains in Illinois, Alabama, Arkansas, Oklahoma and Texas far more than offset losses in Missouri, Montana, Oregon and California. In the first 5 months of 1955, output totaled 11,990,000 gallons, or 6 percent larger than in the January-May period of 1954.

United States Production Of Mellorine And Other Frozen Desserts  
Made With Fats And Oils Other Than Butterfat, Jan. - May 1956, With Comparisons

Month	Enumerated Production			Estimated Production		Change	Change
	1952	1953	1954	1955	1956	from 1954	from 1955
Thousand Gallons							
January .....	312	1,064	1,505	1,640	1,715	+ 9	+ 5
February .....	325	1,162	1,998	1,830	2,005	- 8	+ 10
March .....	428	1,607	2,342	2,560	2,710	+ 9	+ 6
April .....	567	1,767	2,724	2,640	2,640	- 3	0
May .....	1,024	2,201	2,707	3,320	3,395	+ 23	+ 2
FIVE MONTH TOTAL	2,656	7,801	11,276	11,990	12,465	+ 6	+ 4

